

E. LOUIS LOWE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

275

lication of such person, thereby authorising such person, for one year from the date of such warrant, either to pilot vessels of any draught of water, or vessels not exceeding twelve feet draught, or vessels not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving a warrant of appointment and license, agreeable to this act, shall thereafter be reported a lawful pilot; but no person shall be entitled to receive a warrant as aforesaid, as a first rate pilot, unless he shall have served at least five years as an apprentice to the business of piloting; and every pilot shall renew his warrant of license every year, in the month of April or May, and that no renewals be granted at any other time, or new license applied for, unless the pilot had been carried to sea, or confined by sickness, so as to prevent his application within that period; and every first rate pilot shall pay two dollars; and every second rate pilot shall pay one dollar and fifty cents; and every third rate pilot one dollar to the register of the board; and the board may renew any license, or not, as they may think proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every member of Oath. the said board, before he proceeds to examine any person applying for a warrant as a pilot under this act, shall take the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by any justice of the peace, to wit: I ———, do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, declare and affirm, that I will impartially examine and enquire into the capacity, skill and experience of the applicant or applicants in the art of piloting in the Chesapeake bay, and the rivers thereof, and will admit them as I find them qualified, or reject them if I shall find them unqualified, without favor, affection or reward.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said board may make and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same at their pleasure, and may appoint a register, who shall enter in a book, to be provided for that purpose, all applications to, and all other proceedings of the said board, and the register shall countersign all warrants for pilots granted by the board, and every such warrant shall be under the seal of the said board.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person to act as pilot, notwithstanding his having obtained a warrant as aforesaid, unless he or the company to which he belongs, shall keep one sufficient boat of at least twenty-six feet keel, straight rabbet, and decked, and well found, under the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars for every vessel such person shall undertake to conduct or pilot, and no pilot shall make any demand to pilot any vessel unless the pilot